

6.0 INDIAN TRIBAL CONSULTATION

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended through 1992, provide for consultation with American Indian groups when a proposed project may have an effect on archaeological and/or traditional cultural properties of historical/religious value to an Indian tribal group. At the recommendation of the Washington State OAHP, Dames & Moore initiated consultation with American Indians concurrent with the study. The Principal Investigator reviewed pertinent ethnohistoric documents to compile a list of American Indian groups to be consulted for the Cross Cascades Pipeline Project.

Olympic Pipe Line Company initiated consultation with the Indian Tribes in July of 1995. Initial consultation letters were sent to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Tulalip Tribes, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, the Yakama Indian Nation, the Wanapum Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. This initial consultation letter described the Cross Cascades Pipeline Project, provided a map identifying affected lands, and requested information about traditional religious activities and archaeological and historical sites that may be affected by the Project.

To date, representatives of Olympic Pipe Line Company and HRA have had initial meetings with the Tribal Councils or Cultural Committees of the Tulalip Tribes, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, the Wanapum Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Colville Confederated Tribes. Mr. Frank Hopf, Vice-President of Olympic Pipe Line Company, presented an overview of the Project that described the width of the right-of-way, the diameter of the pipe, pipeline operation safety procedures, methods of construction, and revegetation techniques. Mr. Hopf also stated that he and his company were interested in discussing any concerns that the Tribes may have regarding the Project in subsequent meetings. At each of the initial meetings, Tribal envoys expressed their appreciation of consultation with a decision-maker at Olympic Pipe Line Company, and their desire for further deliberations regarding traditional and religious use areas and archaeological properties.

HRA is currently attempting to schedule initial meetings between representatives of Olympic Pipe Line Company and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Yakama Indian Nation Cultural Committee, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation; and second-round meetings with the Tulalip Tribes, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, the Wanapum Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Colville Confederated Tribes. Based on conversations with Ms. Jan Hollenbeck of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, HRA will instruct Olympic Pipe Line Company officials to send an initial consultation letter that describes the Project and provides a map identifying affected lands to the Duwamish Tribe; this group may have individuals who use the Forest for traditional or cultural purposes. After the Tribe's receipt of the letter, HRA will contact the Duwamish to arrange an initial consultation meeting. HRA and Dames & Moore personnel will also attend each of these

meetings.